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Photo by Elizabeth Timmons

Arun Gandhi speaks about his famous grandfather's policies of non-violence (see story on page 3).

## Plans To Continue Improving Library In Works

by Joe Hardin  
Staff Writer

The acknowledgment of Burrow Library's role as a central element in the mission of the college has produced positive and encouraging results in the past year as well as some disturbing revelations about the standing of Rhodes' library in relation to "peer" colleges. The position of Rhodes as a top "up and coming" liberal arts institution particularly warrants such attention to this problem. Although the improvement of Burrow is subject to some question as to what should be emphasized in setting goals and how these goals should be achieved, the library is now being recognized as a high priority by the administration, faculty, and students.

Many of the improvements made are apparent to anyone who might have used the library one year ago. The on-line catalogue program is functioning, bar coding of material is nearly completed, and the electronic security system is in place. According to Lynne Blair, director of Burrow Library, these new programs are all running smoothly with the exception of a few false alarms with the security system caused by certain book bags and re-sold textbooks. Blair explained that the security system was implemented in response to both internal and external theft of library material.

Other significant progress, however, goes unrecognized by many users of the library. Recent linkage now allows anyone with VAX access to access the on-line catalogue from areas outside the library. Through cooperation with faculty and departments, obsolete, over-duplicated, and physically damaged materials are being weeded from the collections in order to make space for new material.

Last year's problem with mold formation on books has been solved with an extensive renovation of the air conditioning system.

There are several other improvements set to be made in the near future. Access to the Memphis State Library and Memphis Public Library catalogues should soon be available from the Burrow Library on-line catalogue. This linkage is largely dependent upon Memphis State's approval for a new library and automation system. The INTERNET system, which is expected to be in place in the next few years, would link Rhodes to most other college library catalogues in the U.S. Blair said that the plan is first to see that Burrow's system is "up and running," and then to begin local and finally national linkages.

One of the most important developments in the Library's advancement was Rhodes' invitation last year to join the Oberlin Consortium, an inter-library loan system led by Oberlin College. This approximately fifty member consortium includes colleges such as Amherst, Sewanee and Vassar, making its invitation to Rhodes an honor and distinction for the college. Blair reports that students and faculty have been taking advantage of this new loan system quite often already. The Oberlin Consortium is also significant to Rhodes in that it provides a basis for comparison with "peer" colleges.

Lynne Blair and the Faculty Library Committee carried out a comparative study of the library resources of Rhodes and other consortium members with data for the 1990-91 academic year. The results showed Rhodes ranking below average in almost all of the categories considered: **library expenditure per student** —

consortium average - \$853, Rhodes - \$585; **total library expenditures** — consortium average - \$1,573,576, Rhodes - \$798,880; **library expenditures as a percentage of E & G** — consortium average - 4%, Rhodes - 2.9%; **total volumes held** — consortium average - 396,005, Rhodes - 219,384; **total acquisitions expenditures** — Consortium average - \$589,345, Rhodes - \$302,611. The findings of this study were sent to the Board of Trustees through President Daughdrill, as are all reports and proposals.

There seems little question that something must be done to improve the library's standing. The question of how to do so is another matter. There is the argument that with Memphis State and other institutions in Memphis, Rhodes students have access to 1,500,000 library books within twenty minutes of the campus. This situation is quite different from that of other liberal arts colleges, Sewanee for example, which are somewhat isolated from other resource locations. Most agree, however, that Rhodes should not be dependent upon an outside institution to any great degree. There is also the factor of space; with twenty new books added each weekday, fifty-two weeks each year, the current facility will soon be out of space. Thus, an emphasis on selection by quality and not quantity, depending upon more efficient selection and more effective weeding, is a feasible solution to part of the problem.

The changes in demands upon a modern library is also an important issue. The increase in usage of non-traditional resources such as scripts, video, and slides, and the rapid rate in which some material becomes out-

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## Kinney-Volunteers Reach Out To Memphis

by Lisa Mancini

At this point in the semester, most people have at least heard of the Kinney Program and many have even begun to volunteer at an agency. The nature of Rhodes' volunteer program so individualized, however, that although students are enthusiastically participating at agencies of their choice, each volunteer may not be aware of the efforts of the group as a whole. The following report prepared by the Chaplain's office on service at Rhodes may help to show just how much of the campus has been involved in Kinney the last two school years.

1990-1991

- 264 student volunteers (19% of student body)
- 84 participating males
- 180 participating females
- 30 agencies

1991-92

- 331 student volunteers (24% of student body)
- 90 participating males
- 241 participating females
- 40 agencies

74% of seniors participated in a volunteer services during their time at Rhodes

The recent Kinney Fair held at Rhodes was a great success and has already inspired many new volunteers to commit time to public service. Approximately 150 students signed up with the more than thirty Memphis agencies represented at the Fair. The Kinney Fair was certainly not the last opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to become involved in the community, however. The Kinney Staff is

more than happy to answer any questions about Kinney agencies and to put prospective volunteers in touch with contact persons at specific agencies.

Kinney agencies are roughly divided into six separate areas and each area has a specific student Coordinator. People interested in working for the Children's Museum, for example, can contact the Coordinator who is in charge of agencies under the heading Children/Youth/Recreation. The agency subdivisions and respective Coordinators are as follows:

Literacy and tutoring—Gayla Bassham

Hunger and Homelessness—Trent Taylor

Children/Youth/Recreation—Beth Webster

Counseling and Crisis/Health and Human Services—Susan Fondren

Peace and Justice/Environmental/International—Jennie Beth Harris

Snowden Adopt-a-School—Laura Porter

Any on-campus agencies or Kinney volunteers can also contact Lisa Mancini who is the Coordinator and in charge of publicity and special events to publicize a project.

No matter what your interest, a volunteer opportunity can be found at an agency where Kinney volunteers already participate, or you can begin a new "Kinney agency." Kinney is off to a great start this year, so if you are not already involved, choose an area of interest and call a Coordinator today.

## AMA Surveys Rhodes Students, Finds Odd Quotes

by Scott Haines  
Staff Writer

Last week Rhodes College's AMA (American Marketing Association) compiled a survey in which students were asked questions regarding movies, pizza, silly professor sayings, and other trivial things. The results found most students to be typical Rhodes students that have little or no time to go and see movies, still have a tendency to "run for the border," and best of all choose to listen to professors talk about the most ridiculous ideas.

When asked how many movies they had gone to see since the start of school seventy percent said they've gone to less than 2 movies, but surprising enough twelve percent found time to take in more than 6 movies. As for snack time, the most popular choice was Taco Bell, followed by a three way battle for second place: Subway, The Pub, and "another dive". (Evidence indicates that for "another dive" many students headed toward T.C.B.Y.) When students decided to order pizza, Pizza Hut and Romeo's

lead the way with thirty-one and twenty-seven percent respectively. Domino's followed up with a strong showing of eighteen percent.

The most interesting part of the survey was when students were asked what the silliest thing students had heard professors say. The responses started out with things we've heard just too many times like "There's no such thing as a dumb question" to "I was a little disappointed with the class average on the first test" to "Forget what I just said" and "Clearly . . .". The responses then got better with more profound things like: "So, who saw Cheers last night?" and "It's all foam and no beer." But the best sayings seemed to be those that just lost us all like: "I have a green ladybug one, I guess it's not ripe yet", "chocolate grinders", "Prob/Stat" and "Spit - The universal solvent". Top award goes to ". . . This is known as the defecating snowman model of protein synthesis."

Look for another survey in the near future.



## College Republicans Gear Up For Election

by Melissa Motichek

In light of the election season, the College Republicans have organized once again to promote conservative thought and voter awareness across campus. CR is planning several events in hopes of getting the Rhodes community involved in the election process.

One of the main goals of the group was to insure that all interested Rhodes students would be eligible to vote in the coming elections. A Voter Registration Drive, spearheaded by Republican Ric Crowder, has been taking place in the Rat during lunch and dinner. CR also invited College Democrats and Student Assembly to participate in an effort to make the drive effective and non-partisan.

Furthermore, College Republicans are planning, on election day, to offer rides to polling places for those students who have no car but still want to vote, regardless of their political affiliation.

One of the biggest events for College Republicans so far this semester was a recent rally at Craigmont High School for President Bush. Anne Locke, John Little, Andrea Jones, Ric Crowder, and Missy Motichek assisted College Republicans from Memphis State in escorting V.I.P.s from around Shelby County to their seats and in handing out campaign paraphernalia to the thousands of people who flocked to see the President.

College Republicans who attended

the rally noted the enthusiastic response which greeted President Bush. Of great interest to CR members were the signs which people at the rally carried, signs reading "School Choice," and "Unwed Mothers (of twins!) for Bush/Quayle."

The rally was part of an "Arkansas Record" tour which took the President to six states which border Arkansas. He took the opportunity to inform voters of the failures that Bill Clinton has seen in his home state and of the empty promises that are his economic policy.

Memphis Republicans expect the President and/or the Vice-President to return to the Mid-South for a larger rally sometime before November. Campaign strategists believe that whichever candidate wins Shelby County will win the state of Tennessee; therefore, Memphis is expected to be a center of attention for both candidates.

College Republicans are planning several more activities to persuade the undecided voters around Rhodes. They plan to highlight President Bush's strong foreign policy record and promote his economic and social plans for the next four years, as well as continue to expose the record of the Clinton/Gore ticket in Arkansas and Tennessee. Students can expect to see and hear a great deal about the two candidates via College Republicans in the next month.

Also, they plan "Rush Parties"

(Limbaugh, not the Greek system) open to the campus which will feature Limbaugh's new late-night television program, CR business, and a little socializing. College Republicans also hope to sponsor get-togethers for the viewing and discussion of debates, election returns, and other political television events as the opportunities arise.

One of the more important functions of the College Republicans is as a volunteer resource for the local Bush/Quayle campaign effort. Rhodes students have been on hand for the grand opening of the headquarters at 4700 Poplar and will continue to participate in the process outside of the Rhodes fence.

Some College Republicans are also involved in the re-election campaign of Congressman Don Sundquist. Junior Anne Locke, for example, will accompany the Tennessee representative on a bus tour of his district in October, and many other students are involved in spreading the word about his Congressional record.

Judy Brown, one of the organizers of CR, commented that "we were pleasantly surprised at the number of people who expressed an interest in College Republicans and in re-electing the President. As the election nears, I think the campus will see just how many of us there are, and we'll definitely make a difference in the election."

## College Democrats Look Forward To Election

by Sam Woods

Rhodes College Democrats, a new organization on campus designed as a political outlet and to encourage political action, offers Rhodes students a chance to become involved in Democratic politics.

The new chapter, chartered by the Democratic Party in the spring of last year, was organized by a group of concerned students in anticipation of the presidential race and the Clinton/Gore campaign. Charter members of the club met near the end of last school year and drafted and ratified a constitution, readying the organization for its first full year and the campaign that was then still in its infancy.

Early in the semester the club began meeting weekly, discussing strategies and goals to do their part in what thus far — at least by polling indications — has been a successful campaign. Working with the local Clinton/Gore headquarters, the group arranged for buses to take interested Rhodes students to the Clinton rally at the Pyramid. Also, a membership drive commenced with the Activities Fair, and College Dems certainly encourages any students interested in the organization to stop by the North Dining Hall in the Rat on Tuesdays at 5:30.

The group's voter registration drive — co-sponsored by the College Republicans — last week will carry over into this week. Rhodes College Democrats T-shirts have also been designed and are currently being printed as part of the club's activities. These tees should be available by this week; all interested in purchasing one should contact Clyde Henderson at x3615.

College Democrats gathered in the Voorhies social room to watch the premiere of *Murphy Brown* last week. The episode lashed back at Vice President Dan Quayle, who berated the show's star and producers as helping corrupt the country's "family values."

The club recently elected officers to coordinate the boost they try to give the Clinton/Gore ticket. Thais Davenport, a senior political science major and one of the chapter's early organizers, was elected president of Rhodes College Democrats. Caprice Roberts ('94) was elected vice-president. The other officers are as follows: Clyde Henderson, treasurer; Julia Tarver, secretary; Jenny Phillips, campaigns director; Sam Woods, membership director; and Mary Elizabeth Chaney and Ben Kavanaugh, social directors.

Club members and officers have decided upon an agenda for the upcoming weeks. Blount auditorium has been reserved for the presidential and vice-presidential debates, assuming of course that the incumbents are willing to engage their challengers in direct political discussion. Professors Clifford Fox and Kieron Swaine from the political science department have tentatively agreed to field questions and offer their insight following the debate telecasts.

Working with the local headquarters for the Clinton/Gore campaign, the organization plans to do campaign work both in the Rhodes community and the neighborhoods surrounding Rhodes. Rhodes College Democrats also wishes to take an active role in staffing the Clinton/Gore headquarters on Poplar.

In the weeks preceding the election, the club also wishes to promote "an issue a week," first highlighting Clinton's and Gore's biographies as public servants. A viewing of the Democratic National Convention's *A Man from Hope* will be scheduled for this week. In the following weeks the candidates' positions on education, the economy, and the environment will be considered. Moreover, several social events are to be announced to take place during this period.

College Dems will also willingly work as a liaison between any non-partisan members of the Rhodes community who are supporting the Democratic ticket and the local Democratic headquarters.

Rhodes College Democrats are indeed excited about the possibilities of the Clinton/Gore campaign and the prospect for real change the ticket offers. If you too believe that an America based upon progress and fairness is a better America, then the College Democrats urge you to become a part of their organization. Anyone interested in joining the College Dems can call Sam Woods at 272-1953, Julia Tarver at x3520, or Thais Davenport at x3336.

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## Things That Go Bump In The Night

by Jennifer Larson  
Staff Writer

Legends on Rhodes College campus are usually well-publicized and well-elaborated upon by the time that they reach first-year students. Most upperclassmen know the general legends but can't seem to resist adding a few details. Such as it is with the legend of the ghosts on campus here at Rhodes.

The most popular "ghost story" concerns the ghost that supposedly inhabits the third floor of Bellingrath Hall. John Rone, Associate for College Relations, confirmed the rumor that a Rhodes (then Southwestern) student committed suicide on the third floor in a dorm room of Bellingrath in 1970. The rumor usually goes that a student living in Bellingrath (at that time a men's dorm) killed himself after being drafted into the army for the Vietnam War. Rone said that he was living across the hall from the student when the incident occurred; the suicide really did happen, but is there really a ghost in Bellingrath Hall?

Obviously, that would be a logical place for a ghost. Rone added that a female student had dreams about the victim when the dorm was converted into a women's dorm. The female student did not know about the ghost, but she was living in the very room where the suicide occurred. Students living in Bellingrath this year have not seen any evidence of the ghost thus far, but as one first-year student put it, "That doesn't mean we won't."

Other popular ghost stories at Rhodes include the ghost in Halliburton Tower and the ghost in McCoy

Theatre. As John Rone mentioned, the Orpheum Theatre downtown has its own ghost, so the McCoy Theatre would also be a logical place for a ghost. The McCoy Theatre sits on the site of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house. According to the legend, a girl did not receive a bid to the Zeta chapter and then hung herself from the rafters. The Zeta chapter closed soon after this incident and the house was converted into a theatre. However, the myth of this tragic girl's ghost lingers on in the McCoy Theatre until this day.

Students at Rhodes have also been known to tell the story of a student who jumped from Halliburton Tower and whose spirit still remains in the tower. The tower is currently locked off and would be extremely difficult to reach. Susan Masson, the first floor Resident Assistant in Bellingrath, admits to having heard this story as well as the Bellingrath Hall ghost story, but is not sure how factual the Halliburton story is. John Rone denies that anyone has ever climbed the Halliburton Tower and is convinced that the story is based completely on legend. "To my knowledge, no one has climbed it. It is a fact that no one has ever jumped off the tower," Rone says.

Whether there really are ghosts residing on this campus or not remains to be seen. If anything unusual happens that doesn't have a reasonable explanation, ghosts are often blamed as the culprit. Halloween will soon be upon us, and who knows if the ghosts that supposedly haunt Rhodes will make their presence know. Wait and see.

### ENTRY FORM

#### HOMECOMING 1992 \* YARD DISPLAY CONTEST

- THEME:** "Rhodes vs. Wash U." or "Traditions"
- PRIZES:** Winners will receive \$75.00 from the Alumni Office. There will be one winner in each of four divisions — sorority, fraternity, residence hall, and other (individual, club).
- RULES:** To enter, complete this form and return it to the Alumni Office, Harris Alumni Lodge, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 9. Entries received after that time will be ineligible. Displays must be ready for judging by 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 10. A committee will judge the displays' design, originality, and appearance. Winners will be announced at half time during the football game. Winners will collect their prize money in the Alumni Lodge Monday, October 12 after 9 a.m.

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Name of Group or Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Display \_\_\_\_\_

(For additional information, contact the Alumni Office 3845.)



## Arun Gandhi Speaks of His Grandfather's Continuing Legacy

by Trent Taylor

The Cross Cultural Cinema showcase held its first monthly presentation last Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday night students viewed the critically acclaimed film, *Gandhi*. This was followed on Thursday night with a discussion of the film and a question and answer session with Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mohandas Gandhi. The Cross Cultural Cinema Showcase is a new film series held once a month to provide a forum for the discussion of similarities and differences of various cultures.

The movie, *Gandhi*, was about the life of Mohandas Gandhi, who developed the philosophy of the non-violent movement and literally brought down the British Empire without firing a shot through leadership he provided in South Africa and India.

The film was exemplary and everyone seemed to enjoy it very much. On Thursday night, Arun Gandhi spoke in the Orgill Room about his grandfather's life and work. His formal talk was very entertaining, and he related little known facts about his grandfather.

He told how his grandfather went to England to study law and then tried to set up a law practice in India. His shyness, made him reluctant to speak in public, and he considered giving up law. He then travelled to South Africa where he started to develop his philosophy.

Arun told the students that the inspiration for his father's philosophy came after his father witnessed several severe beatings and public humiliations. Gandhi was initially shocked by these spectacles and tried to mobilize the Indians to protest against such indignation by the British. The Indians, though, many of whom were merchants, simply shrugged their shoulders and said as long as they could do business, they did not care. Gandhi was extremely saddened and confused by this action. He simply could not believe people would sell their souls for money. This incident caused the first stirrings inside Gan-

to change the way things were. Arun Gandhi told how his grandfather studied all the major religions and philosophies of the world for several years and found one common thread that ran through all of them: the theme of non-violence. He told how Mohandas Gandhi called his entire life "an experiment in truth." He also told how Mohandas Gandhi experimented in truth and nonviolence and how it eventually evolved into the birth of non-violence as we know it today.

This philosophy was used successfully in South Africa in repealing laws and in gaining rights. Arun Gandhi stressed that Gandhi's movement was based on the foundations of love and compassion and that there was no room for anger, hate and prejudice. He made some interesting comments in saying that anger, hate and prejudice are passive forms of violence and that it takes more courage to be nonviolent than it does to be a soldier—for a soldier has a weapon and a "non-violent soldier" has only his spirit.

Mr. Gandhi also wanted to emphasize that the nonviolence movement does not submit to his/her enemies. He told the students that this philosophy has continued to work successfully in all parts of the world.

Mr. Gandhi then shifted his focus from his grandfather's work to his own and its relevance in today's world. Gandhi, along with his wife, is the founder of the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Non-violence at Christian Brothers University. He discussed how his institute is involved in conflict management and how this is important in Memphis and the Mid-South. He expressed concern about teenage violence and other economic, social, cultural and political conflicts in the area. He also talked about poverty in the area and how he believes the cycle can be broken. He also said that saying one of the chief problems in the world today is that people do not know how to control anger.

In concluding his address, Mr. Arun Gandhi told about the warm welcome he and his year-old institute has received in Memphis and the Mid-South. He also said that plans were in the making for his institute to possibly provide training to Rhodes students who then would become non-violent conflict managers in Memphis schools. He is currently working with Rhodes Chaplain Billy Newton to provide two full days of intensive training for conflict management. Mr. Gandhi and Chaplain Newton added that this program would be the first of its kind the area. Any interested in participating should contact Billy Newton.

All in all, the first Cross-Cultural Cinema was a success. It was truly an inspiration to many who attended with its story of the soft-spoken, meek, little man from India who transformed two nations with love as his weapon and spawned a new movement and tool to be used in the fight against oppression. The film and the lecture also provided a stimulating cultural experience. It definitely broadened my horizons. Next month's film will be "Separate by Equal" and the discussion will be led by Dr. Bruce Williams from the University of Mississippi.

## Our Own Eureka Phenomenon

by Clay Combs

You've turned off the TV and the radio and asked your neighbors to keep it down for a while. You've closed the blinds so you can't see the sunshine and the trees and the frisbee people outside your window. You have your MLA handbook, your fuzzy slippers and your mug of hot tea in hand. Most important, you're wearing some kind of headgear, a cap or headband or even a tiara, for concentrating brain power. You're ready to sit down and make yourself write that paper you've been putting off.

Before you even sit, you get a sinking feeling. You know what's going to happen. You're going to get a block. Mental block study block writing block, call it what you will, your mind will become a *tabula rasa* the minute your tush hits the chair. Trying to think, of course, only makes it worse. You're out of commission for a good two hours.

Fortunately you don't have to go it alone. Isaac Asimov is there for you. He's been through this before. (I actually heard he's written an average of one book every six weeks for several years. At any rate, he's written a lot of books.) In a short piece called "The Eureka Phenomenon," he recounts how he takes care of mental blocks. He goes out and watches a mindless movie. It takes the pressure off his mind and allows it to realign itself or something. Then he can go back to work.

Rhodes students who want to take care of blocks in the same way are in luck. Memphis movie houses show almost nothing *besides* mindless flicks. On some days you couldn't see a decent movie in this town for all the cotton in the delta.

But alas, a bad movie isn't always the answer. We all need a little variety in or diversions. Enter Gene Elder.

Every Saturday night, Gene Elder's auction house swings. They're selling everything from antique salt and pepper shakers to mystery boxes with random junk inside. The motley crowd are sitting in the scattered old church pews and theater seats and raising their numbers of bid. Kids are walking around to see what they can see. Adults are piddling around up front to have a look at the items up for bid. Fans are blowing air every which way. The men up front are holding up the items for sale and calling to the auctioneer when they see people bidding. If it's getting late, the guy from the concession stand is

bringing around little bags filled with the dregs from the popcorn machine. The auctioneer is presiding over the whole thing, his or her voice floating down almost unintelligible, a prolonged Pentecostal moment filling everyone with the spirit of the auction.

This beats a movie hands down. If you can't clear your mind at the auction house, you're blocked bad.

But such a gem of a gathering need not be confined to mind-clearing sessions. It's a good way to just get off campus for a while. You can go back to the concession stand and get a cup of iced tea and a Snicker's, find a seat and take the whole thing in. You don't have to worry about inadvertently buying a broken phone if you have to sneeze. Only people who have numbers can bid. There's no subtle communication between bidder and spotter. We're not talking about Sotheby's here.

If you get caught up in the spectacle, you can go up to the front window and get a bidding number. You might stumble upon some real bargains. A friend of mine recently bought two German-style beer steins, made in Taiwan, for \$4 the pair. Need some things for the house? The occasional vacuum cleaner comes up on the block (they're always careful to say whether it works), as does furniture of various sorts.

If you really get filled with the spirit, you'll bid on anything. A few years ago I had a friend who bought one of those mystery boxes for a dollar. Among other things, it contained a picture frame complete with someone's wedding pictures.

Whether you're looking for a brain sweep or just something different, the auction's got you covered. Head east down Summer and look to the right between National and Highland. The entrance is around back. They have small auctions on Monday and Thursday nights, bigger ones on Saturdays. It's one of those little gifts Memphis gives in atonement for having only one or two real movie theaters.

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### Plans To Continue . . .

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dated, poses a problem as to what approach to take in selecting material.

Dean Lineback of Development emphasized that the library is an integral part of a plan to get Rhodes from where it is now into the twenty-first century. Lineback said that the development office has the priority of raising \$2.4 million in funds for the library, hopefully before 1998. \$1.2 million would be allotted for improvement through electronic automation while the other \$1.2 million would be used for improving the resource collection (annual funds of \$60,000 would be applied to each area).

Concern for the Library is not restricted to the faculty and administration. All students asked about the library readily expressed opinions. Many others expressed pessimism about the idea of a fully automated electronic system of on-screen books and journals.

Several students made a point to praise the service of Burrow Library staff, saying that it sometimes can make up for the library's deficiencies. Blair said that the library makes an effort to hire a staff that wants to work with undergraduates, and that an emphasis on service has always been a top priority.

Improving the library is a high priority with all sections of the Rhodes community.

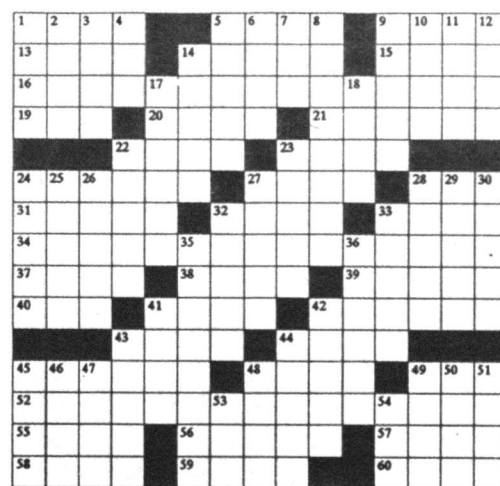
## Weekly Crossword

"Video Rentals!"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS
- Female's partner
  - Scandinavian god of thunder
  - Librarian's warnings
  - Type of exam
  - Mother
  - Sword
  - Michael J. Fox* movie
  - Cunning
  - Butter substitute
  - Habituated
  - Beer
  - Brat
  - Monkeyshines
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  - D.C. lobby org.
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  - Eng's. Prince
  - New York college
  - Kevin Costner* movie
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  - Tantalize
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  - Former spouses
  - Commences
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  - Skid row
  - "Out Of \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Leg bone
  - Broadway sign
  - Meryl Streep* movie
  - Challenge
  - Hit the road
  - Fork part
  - French fem. saints
  - River to the North Sea
  - Mimics

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- Crowds
  - Russian sea
  - Netlike
  - B.P.O.E. member
  - Portable galoshes
  - Santa's greeting
  - Sweet ending



- Update the furniture
- Sting
- Urge on
- Not there
- Sow
- Olympic triumphs
- Brilliantly colored bird
- College credit
- Skull cavity
- NASA frontier
- Female choir members
- Bareheaded?
- Difficult trips
- Closes
- Type of bear
- "'Tis good to keep \_\_\_\_\_ egg"
- Law suits
- Ice cream containers
- Steel bar
- Paymaster's need
- Harmonize
- Per capita
- Mississippi mud
- Morsels
- Push
- Sums
- Notable deed
- As numerous as chicken lips
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- Liner
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## School Ties: An Anti-Semitic Disappointment

by Chris Pollette, Arts Editor

This weekend I went to see the movie *School Ties*, the first movie I've seen in the theater for some time. I really shouldn't have gone, because I was, as I suppose happens many times to me and many other people, led on by a good trailer. At any rate, the movie wasn't all that good. I was annoyed, to be honest, to find that the scenes that seemed very tense in the trailers they show for a brief time on TV for this movie lasted about as long in the movie itself.

*School Ties* is about David Greene, a high school senior that St. Matthew's, a prestigious preparatory school, recruits for their football team in order to satisfy the alumni pressure the school is feeling to beat their archrivals, St. Luke's. David's father is pressuring him to stay there, because at the public school in Scranton, PA, that David comes from, there isn't as much chance that he'll go to an Ivy League school. David wants to go to Harvard, and he sees his chance to go to the school that two Presidents have graduated from as a great opportunity for him. For David, though, the pressure is high, because not only do

most of the people at St. Matthews go to school there for most of their careers, but David is also Jewish. His religion is a source of tension for the movie, and keeping his faith quiet is something David soon realizes that he must do in order to keep his new friends and his chance at Harvard.

Life at St. Matthew's is easy for David at first. He makes a lot of new friends fast and his performance on the football team is stellar. The major exception to this is Charlie Dillon, who was to be the quarterback for the team until the school recruits David. Over the course of the movie, Dillon loses the girl he thinks loves him, loses his spot for quarterback, and his grade point average slips. He gets particularly down after his older brother is voted as the youngest member of the St. Matthew's football Hall of Fame during halftime of the St. Matthews-St. Luke's game, and in the same game he makes a block (that David pushes him into) for David that helps David make the winning touchdown. Later that night, Charlie finds out that David is Jewish, and he makes David own up to his faith in front of the team in the

locker room showers.

This is when all the Jewish jokes and David's secret worship of his faith finally wear on him. He loses his temper, and when Charlie punches him in the shower, David lays him out on the tile. Later, David is implicated for an Honor Code violation that he didn't commit. The class votes that David was the cheater, and only the other boy coming to explain the situation to the school dean saves David from expulsion.

I found this movie to be singular sided. *School Ties* is a movie about prejudice, and nothing else. This movie could easily be about football, or about a boy who makes it big being himself, but the rest of the plot didn't cover the religious intolerance theme running throughout the movie. The plot was not the only problem I had with this movie, however. The dialogue was very flat, and I think that some of the lines the writers set up as the tension of the movie's plot could have written much better.

All in all, I found this movie very trite. I suppose, if one were looking for a movie to make oneself think, this

might be one to investigate. Surely the idea of prejudice is not passed through people's minds so soon after the riots of Los Angeles to make them think no one hates anyone else. This is not the problem, but rather the biggest fault I have with *School Ties* is rather the shallow way in which the problem is

presented and the lack of effect it had on me. I'd like to state my opinion of this movie in an unusual way, but since the movie's writers didn't bother, I won't either. If you want to be entertained by a movie, go see something else.

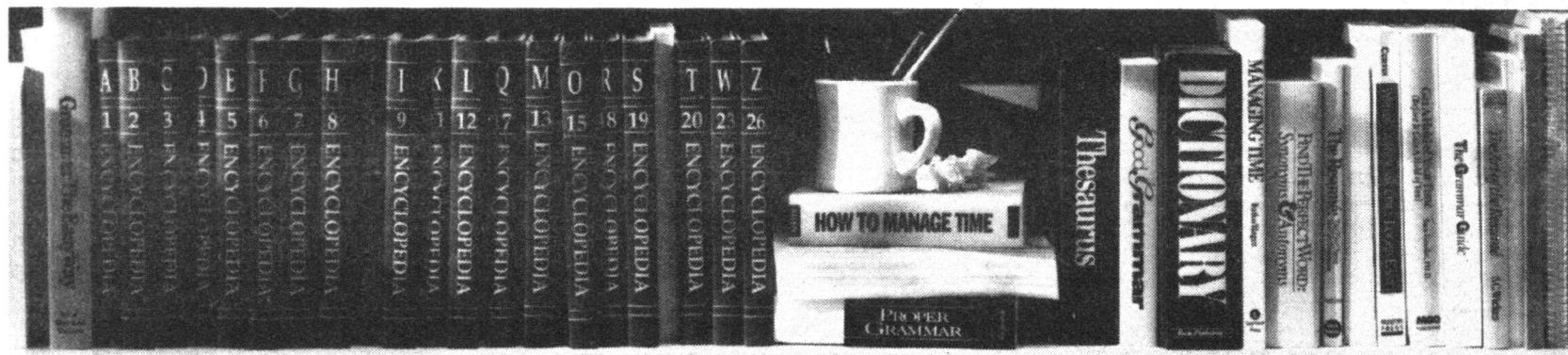
## '92-'93 Moss Series Launched With Talk By Yale Professor

Leading off Rhodes College's 1992-93 Lillian and Morrie Moss Endowment for the Visual Arts lecture series will be Linda Nochlin, Yale University's Robert Lehman Professor of Art History. An authority on 19th-century European art, she will speak Thursday, October 1 on the topic of "Body Politics: Seurat's 'Les Poseurs' and the Problem of the Nude in the Late 19th Century." Her free public talk will be at 8 p.m. at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church on University Street, directly across from the Rhodes campus.

Dr. Nochlin, who holds a B.A. degree from Vassar, M.A. from Col-

umbia and Ph.D. from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, is the recipient of several fellowships, including Fulbright, National Endowment for the Humanities and Guggenheim. She is an expert on Gustave Courbet, the French artist, and has written a number of books, including recent works on women in art.

In addition to Nochlin, Rhodes will host Stanford University art historian Wanda Corn, director of the Stanford Humanities Center, who will speak Feb. 16 and Keith Christiansen, curator of European Paintings at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, who will speak April 6.



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## Ky. Wesleyan Defeated Lynx Move To 3-0

by Chip Riggs  
Sports Editor

Rhodes College used strong offensive performances by quarterback Drew Robinson and running back Greg Ritter to defeat Kentucky Wesleyan 35-22 Saturday at Fargason Field and move to 3-0. Robinson threw for 310 yards, completing 21-of-37 passes and throwing for three touchdowns, while Ritter ran for 105 yards on 21 carries, including his first touchdown of the season.

Demetri Patikas, Jeff White, and Brian Vandegrift were on the receiving end of the majority of Robison's passes. Patikas and White each caught six passes, with Patikas' receptions totalling 98 yards, and White's 85 yards with a touchdown. Vandegrift caught five passes for 66 yards and two scores.

Rhodes jumped out to a 14-0 first quarter lead on touchdown passes from Robison to White (seven yards) and Vandegrift (11 yards). KWU got back in the game in the second quarter, though, with a 43-yard Robby Robertson field goal and Mark Wandell's two-yard return of a blocked Peter Adams punt for a touchdown.

In the second half, however, Rhodes's offense went to work, scoring three times and putting the game out of reach. Ritter opened the half with a nine-yard touchdown run, and Robison followed a Ryan Mire interception with a 31-yard TD pass to Vandegrift which brought Rhodes's lead to 28-10. The lead proved insurmountable for KWU, as the Rhodes defense held on to preserve the victory.

### RHODES / KY. WESLEYAN BY THE NUMBERS

	KWU	RHODES
1st downs	18	18
Rushes - yards	21-57	35-139
Passing:		
Att-Comp-Int	44-29-2	40-22-1
Yards	419	314
Punts	4-29	6-25
Penalties/Yds	12-115	12-118

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Rhodes, Ritter 21-105  
PASSING: Ky. Wesleyan, Holsclaw 26-40-346-2, Bennett 3-4-73-0.  
Rhodes, Robison 21-37-310-0.  
RECEIVING: Ky. Wesleyan, Butler 10-194, Owen 3-53. Rhodes, Patikas 6-98, White 6-85, Vandegrift 5-66.

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## THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

## The 1992 B.E.V. Awards by Chip Riggs, Sports Editor

Well, another season is almost over. The bats are cooling in the storerooms (well, except for Wade Boggs—his bat will probably be hotter in the offseason than it was during the year), the baseballs are getting packed away, and gloves are busy being oiled. So, all this means its time to give out my new annual postseason awards, the B.E.V. awards (that's short for Bird's Eye View, for those of you who drank too much last night). These are sort of my own personal Emmy awards for the greatest show on Earth.

We'll start with the National League.

**CY YOUNG:** This might be the toughest award to decide on. Tom Glavine (20-6) had another spectacular year to follow up on his Cy Young from last season, but Greg Maddux (19-11) did too, and so did Bob Tewksbury (N.L. ERA leader), who gives up a walk just about as often as Cuba changes *el presidente*. Had Glavine not had a recent skid of three consecutive losses, there would be no question at all. But he did, so there is. And, I want to see Maddux stick the Cubs for all he can after this year.

**RH CT Young:** Greg Maddux. **LH Cy Young:** Tom Glavine.

**M.V.P.:** In contrast to the Cy Young, this is a fairly easy award to give out. Terry Pendleton followed up his "career" season of a year ago by having an even better season this year,

driving in over 100 runs for the first time, and you all know how partial I am to the Braves. Also, Darren Daulton really came into his own as a hitter, leading the league in ribbies. However, the Most Valuable Player in the Universe for this season has got to be Gary Sheffield. He came over from Milwaukee and just kicked everybody's butt. He's been helped by being sandwiched between the best natural hitter in baseball, Tony Gwynn, and one of the top sluggers in either league, Fred McGriff, but it's still an easy choice.

In a cakewalk, **BETTY CROCKER MVP:** Gary Sheffield.

**UGLIEST UNIFORMS:** Houston. If you've ever seen Star Wars (and surely you have), these outfits look familiar. That's because they look like lightsabers. As Crash Davis says in Bull Durham, "Look classy, and you'll be classy." On the other hand...

**MANAGER OF THE YEAR:** Another tight one. Bobby Cox not only kept the Braves on top; he actually made them better. That's hard to do when everyone's gunning for you. But, the Pirates' Jim Leyland refused to let down, even after losing some top players in the offseason because of the front office's frugality/stinginess. He just kept on chugging along, and the Pirates chugged right with him. Just call him the Energizer Bunny.

So, in his honor, **The Energizer Bunny Manager of the Year Award:** Jim Leyland.

**BIGGEST FLOP:** Sorry, Dodger fans. I have to mention (and poke fun

at) L.A. somehow. In a best-case scenario, this team was supposed to contend for the pennant. Unfortunately for Tommy Lasorda, what L.A. got was the worst-case scenario. Maybe it was because their uniforms are Smurf-colored.

**Greg Louganis Swan Dive of the Year:** L.A.

**Now, for the Junior Circuit:**

**CY YOUNG:** Roger Clemens probably should win it, but his attitude toward the whole thing (blowing up at Boggs for costing him runs, and so on) annoys me. So I'm going with Chicago's Jack McDowell, who had a great year, and who plays a mean guitar.

**Eric Clapton Pitcher/Diplomat of the Year:** Jack McDowell.

**M.V.P.:** As easy as the N.L. pick was, this one is just that hard. Mark McGwire bashed his way to another great year, while Juan Gonzales had a career season for Texas. But, Joe Carter, Dave Winfield, and Cecil Fielder all had great years, as well. Notice anything about these guys? They're all typical A.L. superstars—big, strong, slow baseball-crushers who run the 40-yard dash about like I do. But I'll save my railing on the A.L. for another column. I'm gonna have to go with the Jay teammates, Carter and Winfield. Winfield is hitting like he was 30, not 40, and Carter just keeps piling up great numbers. **Co-M.V.P.'s/Rulers of the Roost:** Carter, Winfield.

**LONE RANGER/RICKEY HENDERSON STEAL OF THE YEAR:**

Sandy Anderson of the A's really should serve time for the grand theft he pulled on the Rangers. I won't repeat any more of what I said last week, but the Rangers right now are standing by themselves at home plate in their proverbial jockstraps. When you're a pitching-poor team, and you have an especially weak bullpen, why do you trade your best reliever and one of your top starters, along with your best player, for a crybaby who at his best is not as good as the guy you traded for him? If that sounds convoluted, so must have been the Rangers' thinking on this. Alderson must have used the Jedi mind trick on Texas's Tom Grieve. I mean, the New Ranger closer is from my hometown and all, but he's no Jeff Russell.

Those are about all the awards I have to give out. You may or may not agree with me, or you may not even care, but, as Pee-Wee Herman says, "Different strokes for different folks!"

Anyway, till next time, keep tomahawk chop-chop-choppin; along!

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## Intramural Update, or the Flag Football Preview Issue

by Thomas Johnson  
Staff Writer

It is that time of year again! The days get shorter, the new freshmen come to Rhodes, and the air begins to get cooler. It is Autumn, and it is football weather—flag football weather, that is. Flag Football is the most popular and socially important intramural sport at Rhodes, next to softball. Here is what Larry Dagenhart, intramural director Matt Dean's new personal intern and sidekick, has to say about Flag Football. "The name of the sport is not Flag Football! It is correctly called FlagBall, since its only relation to football is the type of ball that is used. Flags are used however, hence the name FlagBall." At any rate, Flag Football is here again.

This year there will be four divisions, to be known as A league, B league, Female league, and the Other league. Favored to win the A league championship again this year will be the SAE #1 team, last year's defending league champions. SAE #1 is called SAE #1 to distinguish itself from SAE #2, a team comprised entirely of SAE sophomores who could not make their fraternity's varsity FlagBall team. It was thought that SAE #1 would be hurt by the absence of senior slotback Chris Kollme, who is holding out over a contract dispute, but it turns out that the team is better and plays more like

a unit without him. Led by two-time league Most Valuable Player (MVP) Thomas Johnson, who in addition to teammates Chad Davidson and Chris Cardwell, is the only player to have never lost a regular season FlagBall game at Rhodes in three years. SAE #1 is very strong. In fact, SAE #1 is so deep that Mark Strickland, who played defensive cornerback for two years on the varsity team, could not even crack the starting lineup in the secondary on this intramural team. The E's also boast senior wideout Chip Perry who is the A league's leading scorer by virtue of the fact that his teammate, junior flanker Jason Jonz, missed last Sunday's game while sitting out a one game suspension. It seems that while attending the fraternity's annual Bush Party, Jonz missed curfew and had to serve the suspension.

SAE #1's main competition in A league will come from a squad nicknamed the Dream Team. The Dream Team is really just the Sigma Nu fraternity's attempt to skirt a college-issued death penalty handed down because of recruiting violations and field an intramural team anyway. And even though non-Sigma Nu Shea Ken is officially the team's captain, he is really just a front man since he no longer plays for the team. The rest of the Dreamers are all Nus. They are

led by senior scrounback Jason Peters, who is in his fifth year of FlagBall eligibility. And while Peters' experience is sure to help the team, by the same token, his speed and quickness have decreased somewhat in his old age.

B league does not feature as many great teams as does A league, but it does feature some great players. One of these is all-purpose sophomore Josh Morris, who is virtually making a joke out of B league and definitely has the talent to play A league. When asked why his fraternity, Kappa Sigma, does not call him up to A ball, Morris modestly says, "Maybe its because we do not field an A league intramural FlagBall team, or for that matter, an A league team in any intramural sport."

In the Female league, one of the only two participants from last year, the Chi-Omegas, relocated their franchise to Millsaps College, leaving only the TriDelt team. Led by senior muleback Amy Russell, the Tri-Deltas have already won the championship by default.

All FlagBall games this year will be played on Sundays and Wednesdays at recently dedicated Jacks Intramural Field, named after former intramural superstar Gary Jacks. So come out one day and support your favorite Lynx Flag Football team. Please.



**Editorial:****Will The Real Hillary Stand Up?**

by Gayla Bassham, Editor

"Oh, no, really, I'm not here to answer questions," an alarmed Hillary Clinton assures a member of the *Nightline* audience. "I'm just here to support Bill and do this." She gazes at her husband adoringly, tilts her head, and nods in agreement.

Okay, so it wasn't the *real* Hillary Clinton; it was just Jan Hooks doing a really good impersonation on *Saturday Night Live*. But it might as well have been the real wife of the Democratic nominee for president. Hillary Clinton could easily be the next Eleanor Roosevelt, but on the campaign trail, she looks a lot like Nancy Reagan. The Clinton campaign denies that ser has been "muzzled," but she talks a lot less about politics and a lot more about chocolate chip cookies than she once did. And when was the last time either of the Clintons made the joke about getting "two for the price of one"?

What makes this particularly frustrating is that 1992 is supposed to be "The Political Year of the Woman." After November 3, there will probably be a record number of women in the U.S. House and Senate. Yet, at the same time that these women's careers are soaring and the country is patting itself on the back for being so open-minded and liberated, America seems determined to make candidates' wives fit into the traditional mold of wife, mother and homemaker. And the Republicans seem determined to make Hillary Clinton's failure to fit the mold a campaign issue. First, they tried to paint her as a radical feminist who was hostile to stay-at-home mothers and aimed for nothing less than a co-presidency; then they unearthed (and wildly distorted) an eighteen-year-old article that suggested that in certain extreme cases, children should be able to sue their parents. Meanwhile, the grandmotherly Barbara Bush spoke at the Republican National Convention, surrounded by all twenty-two children, children-in-law, and grandchildren.

In fact, Barbara Bush has played a much more active role in her own husband's campaign in the last few weeks. She has dropped broad hints that she, unlike her husband, is pro-choice (for example, her noticeable failure to applaud when President Bush mentions his pro-life stance in speeches), she openly criticized Hillary Clinton in several interviews, and both she and Marilyn Quayle had speaking slots at the Republican Convention. Through it all, she has maintained her popularity. After all, Barbara Bush is the epitome of traditionalism.

But Barbara Bush is also the last of a dying breed. Hillary Clinton is the first of the new generation of candidates' wives (and husbands) who will be unwilling to give up their careers for their spouses'. Or, as Hillary said Saturday night, "Would you like me to talk slower? Maybe I can draw a picture. Go ahead, don't vote for him! I'll be fine, I have a job, I'm a lawyer!"

No, the *real* Hillary didn't say that. But would you blame her if she did?

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the Editor:

Either Mr. Hardin was upset about the first two issues of the paper not having any letters to the editor or he just wanted to show off his intolerance and ignorance. How can I say this without sounding like a humorless, censoring buffoon? I found Matthew Hardin's attempt at humor pathetic and frightening. Yes, I know the article was only a joke (in more ways than one); however, there is no such thing as free speech without responsibility. Mr. Hardin expressed his opinions, I now choose to express mine.

What we are dealing with here is an issue which causes even the strongest bastion of Political Correctness to feel insecure about his or her convictions: The issue of humor. After all, what's the harm in a little humor to lighten everyone's spirits? It's only a joke. Hey did you hear the one about the (insert gender, ethnic, sexual, or religious stereotype here). Mel Brooks says that PC humor is lifeless and dull, and he is, in a qualified sense, correct. Most of us can remember Clevon Little's very stereotyped character in *Blazing Saddles* or even Brooks' own take on homosexuals in *History of the World, Part One*. What, then, separates this form of degrading humor from Mr. Hardin's? Is it

because Brooks is a member of the minority (he is Jewish), and, therefore, is somehow exempt from being prejudice. No, that argument ignores the danger in making it alright for ethnic or minority groups to perpetuate stereotypes while forcing censorship on those who are different ("not part of the joke").

It is, for lack of better terms, the goal of the content that draws the line between humor which hurts and humor which hates. What Brooks' made you laugh at in *Blazing Saddles* is not the degradation of a "negro" by racist cowboys. The humor lies in the absurdity in the hatred and fear. If Mr. Hardin had used the language of his article in an attempt to expose the irrationality and stupidity of hate based on ignorance, then the article could be viewed in an entirely different light. However, as it stands, it is merely an example of not thinking about what one is saying. Or, even worse, an essay on why you should hate homosexuals.

On the specifics of the text, Mr. Hardin assumes that his reader accepts his ideas of "the norms of society." However, even in an environment like Rhodes, one can never make that assumption. What is "normal" to a Roman Catholic transfer from

Baltimore may not be "normal" to a Southern Baptist senior from Dallas. This example is somewhat trite; however, I hope you see my point. We are not, nor can we be (nor should we be), exactly alike. Difference may be unsettling (or, to Mr. Hardin, "horrific"), but it is part of life.

Mr. Hardin goes on to describe "all facets of homosexuality." How can someone even make such an absurd assumption. I can limit someone's existence to the smallest detail and still not know "all facets" of their existence. But Mr. Hardin says that there are "manly" and "effeminate flamer", homosexuals; therefore, I guess that's all there is to it. Oh, and let's not forget that homosexuals hate us, heterosexuals as can be seen in the subtle use of the treatment of "Brainy Smurf" (I guess most homosexuals are pretty stupid. You know, I bet there aren't any at Rhodes). Those "deviant, sexual variants." Good thing Mr. Hardin pointed them out. To use such negative language in a school publication about any group of people is what is truly "sad." Nowhere in my concept of "striving for excellence" is "gay bashing," racism, sexism, ageism, etc. included.

A very irate senior,  
Jason Potter

**Nobel Laureate In Economics Is Teaching This Fall At Rhodes**

The recipient of the 1981 Nobel Peace Prize in economics James Tobin is teaching at Rhodes College this fall as the P. K. Seidman Distinguished Professor of International Political Economy.

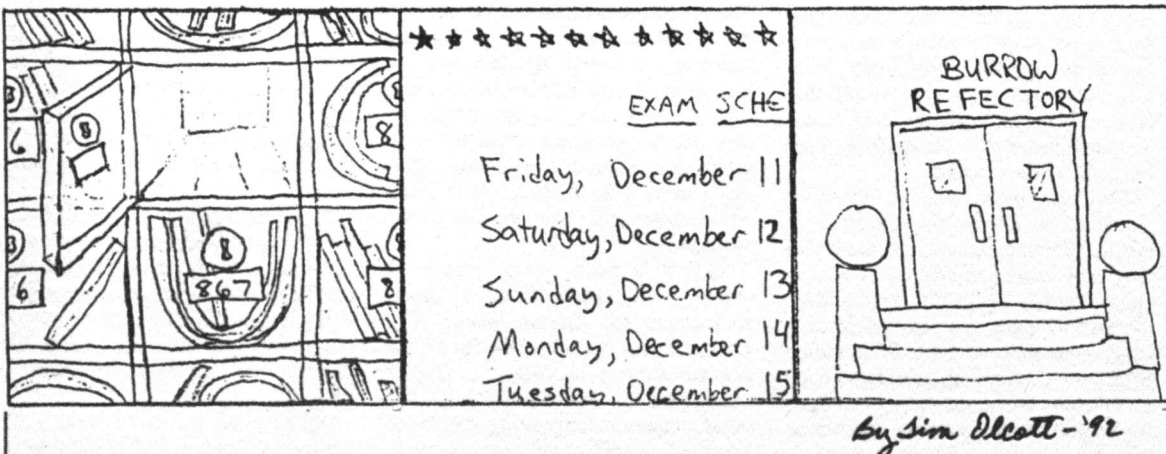
Tobin is making eight trips to campus to teach during the course of the semester. The focus of his course is international economics and foreign policy, and 19 students are enrolled. The Seidman name is a familiar one to Dr. Tobin who has served on the selection committee for the Frank E. Seidman Award in Political Economy, an award program that Rhodes administrates.

The P. K. Seidman Professorship was established at the college by Rhodes trustees Robert H. Buckman

and his mother Mertie W. Buckman in honor of their friend P. K. Seidman, a life trustee. In filling the position, the college has sought scholars whose work bridges international studies and economics.

The Sterling Professor of Economics

Emeritus at Yale, Dr. Tobin was a member of the Yale faculty from 1950 until 1958 when he retired from teaching. Dr. Tobin served as a member of President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisors, 1961-62, (Continued on Page 7)

**Causes of Stress at Rhodes:****The Sou'wester**

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## Students Of Rhodes College, Unite!

A final step which is necessary for a successful government, is the periodic obtaining of opinion and information by the official from the constituents. This I have seen best from one of my US Senators. About every six months, he sends a simple response card, which asks for people's opinions on certain issues. In turn, the constituents must do their part by telling their representative their opinions.

Now that I have presented my basic premises, I would like to talk about student government here at Rhodes. In order to prevent a rash of letters to the editor condemning me for attacking Student Assembly, I would like to say that during my stay at Rhodes, I have seen Student Assembly improve steadily each year. I do believe that this year's Assembly is one of the best we have and I have a great deal of confidence in it.

What I am talking about is a mind-set shared by at least a majority of students on campus. I get the impression that we as students don't give ourselves the credit we deserve and we don't organize effectively to produce positive results in all aspects of campus life.

I recognize that the newly revised alcohol policy was developed with much student input and I admit that this was great. What I see the problem to be is that this mentality extend very far into other spheres of student life.

Take, for example, last year's brouhaha over the Masters of Accountancy program. In spite of the fact that we have student elected representatives on various faculty committees, the student body in general didn't know about this debate until it was almost over.

How many more such issues never reach the student body, but just succeed or fail, without any attention?

This should never be the case. If Rhodes were a school with no means of communicating with the student body in its entirety, I would have to write a different editorial. We do have a medium for this type of communication — *The Sou'wester*.

This poses a question. Why is the student-run newspaper so delinquent in reporting such major issues as well as minor ones of concern to all students? The answer is simple. *The Sou'wester* is rarely kept adequately informed of such topics.

I believe that some of the blame rests on the shoulders of the Rhodes administration. There are many topics which should be brought to the attention of the editor of the paper in order that s/he might provide adequate reporting of it to the campus community. How else are students supposed to find out that something is changing or that a change is even being considered?

Not all blame goes to them, however. Many of our student representatives also share some of the responsibility. As I mentioned earlier, we have representatives on several of the faculty committees as well as the Board of Trustees. The Student Assembly President is invited to all faculty meetings. How much of what goes on in there ever reaches the students?

This makes me ask. Why do we even have student representatives on faculty committees, on the Board of Trustees, at faculty meetings and on the President's Roundtable? What is their function and purpose?

I believe that their primary functions are to represent student concerns and to keep the student body informed about the actions being taken in their respective committees. They should also seek student opinion on certain matters in order to best represent their constituency.

I believe that the student elected representatives to the faculty committees and to the Roundtable and to the Board of Trustees should be required to report periodically to the Student Assembly on the discussion in these various bodies. Perhaps they should be treated like the Commissioners who have to attend one meeting a month. In this way, reports could be made and advice and opinions could be sought on a regular basis.

If something of great importance is taking place, a student representative should take it upon him/herself to talk to the editor of the paper and

tell him/her that there is a story lead in for instance the Curriculum Committee, that should probably be investigated and reported on to the student body.

One of the last things that I want to mention is Student Assembly itself. I am occasionally amazed at what is discussed at Student Assembly meetings. I am not saying that the Assembly does little or nothing of importance, but I believe that there are some issues that could be discussed and debated at Assembly meetings which could lead to more than just an improved social life at campus. Student Assembly as the representative body of the students, should work to improve all aspects of campus existence.

I am not saying that student-led initiatives should be as frequent as those of the faculty or administration, but I am saying that the students are a part of the campus community and we should give ourselves a little more credit when it comes to something other than Spring Fling.

In order for this to succeed, the student body must keep in touch with its elected representatives and tell them of issues that they feel need to be addressed, I've said it before, but it bears repeating. We must all decide to take more individual responsibility for all aspects of campus life.

Finally, I want to close with saying that this is not a call to be as rebellious and contentious as the student bodies at some schools. It is a call, however, to the students and our elected representatives to take a more proactive role in our education. There is no reason for us to be so apathetic about our education. I believe a good example of the type of activism which I believe we should see more often was the Easter Break discussion. If I remember the incident correctly, it was our student representatives who pushed for and got Easter Monday included in the break. We just need to see more student-led action like this in the areas of academic and administrative policy. This is the only way Rhodes will truly be one of the best schools in the nation. It takes concern from everyone on campus—administrators, professors and students.

What is the purpose of a government? Governments exist in order to organize its constituency and set goals based on their collective needs and wants. A successful government is one that is able to set realistic goals and achieve many of them within its term of office.

In order to do this effectively, we all believe that a representative government, one that is democratically elected, is the best. In order for democracy to be entirely successful, there are certain fundamental responsibilities which the constituent and the elected both must fulfill.

First and foremost, some people must decide to run for public office. Before they do this, they should have a good idea of what they want to accomplish for their peers while serving in office. To cite an example from the current presidential race, both Governor Bill Clinton and President George Bush have written position papers which explain their vision for the country.

Another important process which is part of running for office, is presenting these ideas and goals to the constituents. Both Bush and Clinton have done this through speeches and were supposed to do it with debates.

The next step is one which the constituents must fulfill. They have to pay attention to the election and actually cast a vote. If many people don't vote, they defeat the whole basis of democracy.

After a candidate is sworn into office, s/he must strive to fulfill his/her election promises. One of the first things that a president does is appoint a cabinet of advisors who are needed to aid the president in fulfilling his/her goals.

## Freedom Of Controversy

Oscar Wilde once wrote, "Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about." After several ad-hominem attacks on my article about the Smurfs, I feel compelled to say that I will not apologize in any way, shape, or form. I feel I have no reason to. It is your right as an individual associated with Rhodes College to express your opinions, but I also retain that same right.

I believe I need to take a little time out this week to explain my feelings about writing and about the benefits of controversy. Each week as I type my column, I don't sit back and reflect on the nuances of the article and how they will affect everyone around me. I could write about Play-Doh and probably offend someone whose third cousin had died eating the stuff. Instead I try to write relatively light hearted essays designed to either entertain and make the reader think a little. For example, my article about the homosexual Smurfs obviously is for entertainment value and perhaps can be seen as a preachment against taking things too seriously. To most of the *Sou'wester* readers that does not need to be explained. For the few of you out there which have labeled me, "a hate monger" and "a gay basher," I'm sorry you missed the point.

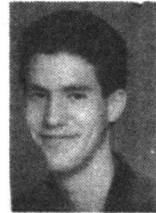
In *Walden*, Thoreau writes, "My instinct tells me that my head is an organ for burrowing, as some creatures use their snout and forepaws, and with it I would mine and burrow my way through these hills". These words cut through to the essence of what journalism means to me. Some of my articles should stir up controversy. It makes me feel good to see a little resentment flowing on this campus. After I read one of the

letters to the editor for this week about me, I was overcome with a profound feeling of well being and joy for hours. I believe controversy forces an individual to define their own beliefs through considering the relative merits of opposing opinions. Therefore, controversy, for lack of a better definition, is good. Thoreau used his mind to delve into the human experience. I just want the students of Rhodes to consider looking at the world with open eyes, because it's usually interesting to see the seemingly ordinary in a different light. I don't think anyone will enjoy *The Smurfs* any less now than before this new found knowledge surfaced.

Regarding those individuals who told me I was politically incorrect for writing humorously about homosexuals, I really don't feel the conventions of the Politically Correct movement need apply. First, I was writing about a cartoon, and second, I abhor with my entire being the censorship of ideas, thoughts, or words. Although I have seen many things over the years which I felt were extremely offensive, but I would never ban them. The Politically Correct movement is bunk in the sense that it attempts to close the doors on some thought processes. Last year in the *Sou'wester* about five issues of the paper had letters to the editor about an individual who wrote about the word, "fag". I think these people are taking life a little too seriously. The college experience is in a sense about defining your beliefs, but it's the ideas which need to be discussed not the person who said or wrote them. Although some letters suggest it, I'm not a sexist, racist, anti-gay, bigoted white guy who wants inequality to reign supreme. I am instead a defender of freedom of

thought whatever those thoughts may be.

Thoreau also once said, "By closing the eyes and slumbering, and consenting to be deceived by shows, men (and women) establish and confirm their daily life of routine and habit everywhere, which still is built purely on illusory fashion." This brings me to my closing point. Too often in college life, students are so caught up in the everyday grind, they forget to take a look around every once in a while. Let the world anger and confuse you. Don't get too caught up in your own life. If an individual angers you, talk it out with them. If a group of people angers you, form an alliance with others who share your opinions. If a newspaper article makes you mad, send a letter to the editor. Do not, do not sit on your hands waiting for someone else to do it for you. Apathy is never an excuse, because everyone has opinions. However, laziness is.



Thoughts

Matthew C. Hardin

Ask yourself if your beliefs are worth fighting for and then act, always remembering to keep your sense of humor close at hand.

By the way for those that were offended by my attack on Great Bluedini, the blue Kool Aid Flavor in the Smurf article. I tried it again on your recommendation, and it was terrible beyond words.

## Nobel Laureate In Economics Is Teaching

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and a decade later as president of the American Economic Association.

Dr. Tobin, who holds B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard, believes that a government's budget should be formulated to achieve certain national social and economic goals; its size, he says, should be based on a "rational calculation of national priorities." "It is not true that the only good budget is a small budget," he says. "National resources should be allocated between public and private uses so that the last dollar spent in each use has the same utility."

Dr. Tobin is author or editor of 13 books and more than 300 articles. He has served as a consultant to the Federal Reserve System's Board of Governors and as a senior advisor of the Brookings Institution Panel on Economic Activity. He is a former consultant to the U.S. Treasury and a former chairman of the National Science Foundation's advisory committee for social sciences. His academic specialties include macroeconomics, monetary theory and policy, fiscal policy and public finance, unemployment and inflation, and consumption and savings.



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Rushing men rush from Kennedy after an explosion of a sinister genetics experiment.

## The Rhode'ster Editorial

As Rhode'ster editor, I feel that it is my duty to explain my philosophy, you know, so that you, as my readers, can get to know me a little better, feel more comfortable with me, invite me to your houses, cook for me, give me presents (I like money). But, I don't want to impose myself on you. Let me first explain what the Rhode'ster is all about.

The Rhode'ster began a few years ago (I'm not sure exactly when) by a few people or one person (I don't really know) whose reasons I have not fully discovered. It is a publication well-liked by most of the students at Rhodes (I think/hope). All submissions are respected, even if we do make fun of the writers from time to time. And most are printed, although we did have to turn down an article once entitled "My Affair with President Daughdrill." We did not feel that *The Rhode'ster* was the proper place for a confessional and the writer of the article was later stoned to death.

But don't let any of that scare you. After all, it wasn't the staff of *The Rhode'ster* who killed the poor girl, it was President Daughdrill himself, but that's another story and I hate rumors.

As for myself, well, I think that my "Observations" columns may have given you some insight into my personality, because, after all, it was I who wrote them (I think). Anyway, I feel most of the time that the world is a beautiful place and then I read *The Sou'wester* and I realize that the whole world is depressing and mean. Just look at all the problems around us. We live in times when drinks from machines cost sixty cents in some places and fifty in others. What does this kind of thing say about us? What does this mean? I'm not really sure, but I know I am confused and I don't like to be confused. It's just really sad that when I'm ready to buy a coke, I never have the right amount of money because nobody can make up their minds and so I must go coke-less and I hate going coke-less. TS

## NEW RHODE'STER FEATURE: Freudian Corner

In the interest of serving our fellow enlightened liberal arts students, we at the Rhode'ster are proud to present this new feature, "Freudian Corner." The hope is to provide new insight into the thoughts and emotions (and dark sexual overtones) behind the writings in the *Sou'wester*.

Much thought went into the selection of this week's subject, seeing how last week's *Sou'wester* was so loaded with innuendo and subtext. At first we considered Matt Hardin's expose' of the Smurfs, but quickly saw that we could not publish a Freudian commentary of that work in any less space than four hundred pages. So, we decided to examine another new column, "The Bird's-Eye View," by Sports Editor Chip Riggs.

Chip's first statement is, "As I'm learning in Mock Trail, you should always admit the weaknesses in your case before you ever get started so that no one can shoot holes in it later on." Well, isn't that special? Right off, Chip suggests that we admit our weaknesses. The subtext of this statement is that Chip sees himself as weak. This is a surprise to those of us who know Chip, but that underlying fear is too obvious to ignore. Next, he mentions a case having holes shot in it. Shooting is an aggressive action, we usually don't passively kill someone with a Mac 10. So we can sense some aggression in Chip's psyche. Could it be related to Chip's fear of weakness? Is it possible that Chip's inner fear of being a weak person has filled him with such violent, aggressive rage that he wants to shoot all of us full of holes? Or is it even darker? Could the aggressiveness be expressed in a sexual manner (the answer, by the way, is that everything is always expressed in a sexual manner, regardless of the person)? Could this mean that our

friendly, mild-mannered sports editor, a man of countless friends, trusted by so many, is in reality a ticking time bomb of sexual aggression that at any moment is going to leap out of his repressed reality and ravage the first fleshy object he can seize?

The next thing that caught my eye was the structure of Chip's second paragraph. Chip first talks of the Braves pitching staff, then their hitters, then mentions their defense. Simplified, that's long defense, long offense, short defense. Now this certainly does seem innocent enough, but there is significance in this arrangement. Chip is revealing to all of the readers of his column the makeup of his sexual self-perception. Chip has a long statement of defense in front of his statement of offense. His offense represents his sexual being (what society says we offend others with). He subconsciously believes that he needs a large defense in front of his sexual being, possibly a latent portion of his castration anxiety "hung over" from childhood. The fact that he has only a small statement of defense behind his statement of offense could mean one of two things. Either Chip is completely sure of his heterosexuality and has no fear of being raped, or it has something to do with wish fulfillment.

Finally, the last statement of the third paragraph reads, "I don't think they are as solid as Atlanta because their starting staff is a little streaky." This sentence was quite difficult to decipher, but the last word does give a bit more insight to the essence of Chipness. Streaky, most likely is a word that Chip associates with his early childhood experiences with potty-training. Possibly, Chip feels inner guilt about not completing potty training earlier and not developing an

## Bid Day Revealed As Front For Frankenstein Freaks

Saturday's Bid Day celebrations were interrupted by a genetics experiment gone awry. Campus Safety Officials reported that casualties were minimal. Six dead, four mauled, and three glass beakers broken. The experiment was sponsored in part by Rhodes Students for SEX (Selective Environmental Examination). The club was founded last year to promote a better sense of campus unity through genetics manipulation. "We came really close this time," said one genetics manipulator. "We were on the brink of manufacturing the perfect college student. He could drink twelve gallons of any beverage from gasoline to grape juice, without so much as a belch. And even if (God-forbid) he did belch, he would do it in a politically correct manner."

The elaborate experiment involved blood samples from all rushing men who had just pledged. "It was especially important," said our insider, "that all of these men be fresh for Bid Day. We needed just the right alcohol content and excitement in their blood for our new creation."

The exact causes of the failure of the experiment are unsure, although the Panhellenic Council is suspected for sabotage. "There was so much talk of this perfect college student and then we found out that this student was to be a male. I mean, can you get any more sexist?" said an anonymous source.

Other suspects include members of the actual team of experimentalists themselves, the Baptist Student Union, and the Dan Quayle Fan Club.

Those suspecting the team of ex-

perimentalists cited several incidents of arguments over what was actually considered "politically correct." "Come on," said someone in the dark, "you get a bunch of scientists together talking about political correctness, something clearly out of their field, and some sparks are gonna fly. I mean, think about it, what's the best way to get back at a fellow scientist? Ask yourself three questions: Who was there? Who had the opportunity? And who had the most to gain from the failure of this experiment?"

The Baptist Student Union was suspected after their public outrage at the group on campus clearly being blasphemous, trying to play God by creating life. However, as of yet, the members of BSU have not been questioned, because nobody seriously believes them capable of murder.

the final group of suspects is a new club that was formed on campus recently. This group's function is actually that of a support group for those who feel sorry for all of the attacks on the current Vice-President and who feel personally offended by them. This group organized a rally in front of Kennedy in protest of the experiment. "We simply can not allow this to take place on this campus," said the new president of the new club. "This is not a proper display of the family values that we hold dear. This creation will have neither a father nor a mother. What kind of family is one child?"

Currently Campus Safety has no official leads, but Ralph Hatley, Director of Campus Safety, feels sure that there is a link between this incident and the Book Bag Bandit. TS & BM

## Rhodes Swim Team Suffers Scandal

The Rhodes College Athletic Department this week found out much to its dismay that Coach Albert Clark has been up to more than coaching the team. His wife announced to the press just this Monday that she has discovered his second wife that he married two years ago in Arizona, on a swim meet trip. Earlier last week, it was announced that Coach Clary had found Coach Clark in his offices rifling through his desk drawers. Rhode'ster reporters sent to the Athletic Department were turned away without comment.

Only weeks after Coach Clark started in his new position, he made drastic changes in the Liquid Lynx plans; the swim team was no longer to eat in the Rat, because the new coach declared the food there "insufferable." "Suffer through it anyway," were the words of President Daughdrill, but the Athletic Department pushed the President into a com-

anal retentive character. I hope you enjoyed this week's edition of "Freudian Corner." I plan to continue this column until my analyst

promise, and to this day, the Liquid Lynx stick to the coach's plan. Winning seasons, started soon afterward, and the campus soon became a haven for those sports writers eager to catch a glimpse of what promised to be a dynasty of the water for the '80's. Many thought the future of Rhodes' swim team was bright.

To others though, Rhodes was a flash in the pan, and while the success of the Liquid Lynx in 1982 was heralded as indicative of things to come, they have not since been able to match their feat.

A committee of NCAA officials and Rhodes faculty and staff members will be getting together to determine the fate of Coach Clark as soon as a suitable doughnut shop can be determined on for a site. Meanwhile, the Rhodes community waits to see what will happen to our beloved Coach Clark. CP

says that I don't have to do it any more. And by the way, if you see Chip this week, give him a hug and tell him that you like him just the way he is. JT

**The Rhode'ster staff consists of sexually disturbed sociopaths simply looking for a good family.**